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**HB 5165 AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

HB 5165, An Act Concerning High School Graduation Requirements, incorporates the recommendations of the secondary school reform task force. This bill appropriately acknowledges the necessity of funding in order to successfully implement this significant increase in high school graduation requirements. We are concerned that as written the bill would put these requirements in place for classes graduating in 2019 regardless of whether there are resources available at that time. In addition to the resources needed for the State Department of Education to develop the appropriate curriculum, it is critical that resources be in place to provide the student support systems. Without such student support systems, which were identified as a critical component of these changes by the task force, it will not be possible for all students to successfully meet these requirements.

We urge you to take this into consideration when you debate this bill.

We appreciate your attention to this issue.